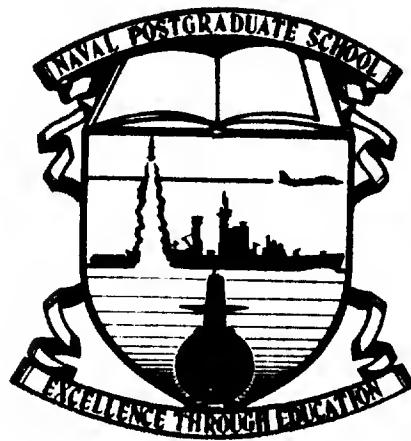


NATIONAL SECURITY AFFAIRS PROGRAMS



681 MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA

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- 682: FAR EAST, SOUTHEAST ASIA, PACIFIC
- 683: EUROPE, USSR
- 684: INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NEGOTIATIONS
- 686: STRATEGIC PLANNING

Objective:

These programs and related curricula are designed to provide graduate education to DOD officers and civilians in the field of security affairs with particular emphasis on the following areas: politico-military affairs, strategic and operational planning, attache' affairs, foreign intelligence and area analysis. The curricula may be divided into area specialties (681, 682, and 683 - in cooperation with the Defense Language Institute, also in Monterey) and functional specialties (684 and 686) conducted solely at the Postgraduate School. The degree of Master of Arts in National Security Affairs is awarded graduates who successfully complete program requirements.

Current program sponsors include: Navy-Deputy Chief of Naval Operations (Plans and Policy); Air Force - Assistant Chief of Staff, Intelligence; and Army-Director, Military Personnel Center, Foreign Area Office (FAO) Program.

Specific educational objectives of these curricula are:

1. Geopolitics - Modern international politics is deeply rooted in geography. Students will be familiar with the geo-political aspects of world regions in terms of their global

strategic importance. They will understand how scholars view the influence of geography, climate, economics, political culture, and demography on political thought and foreign policy.

2. Strategic Posture - Students should perceive national strengths and weaknesses which affect a nation's strategic postures and capabilities; and be able to identify and assess major military, political, economic, and sociological trends which affect policy choices in domestic and foreign affairs.

3. Military Forces - Students will understand the roles, political influence, social position, composition, structure, capabilities, and vulnerabilities of the armed forces. They will be informed of current political and military developments, regional politico-military relations, and regional defense agreements both bi- and multi-lateral.

4. Geography - Students should have a grasp of geography and its impact on national development, agriculture, spatial relationships, transportation systems, economic sufficiency and military posture. Area specialists should have detailed knowledge of their geographical areas and the concomitant strategic significance.

5. Economics - Students must be aware of the economic strengths and weaknesses of the major power blocs and of economic phenomena which influence ideology, military doctrine, industrial and social development. Area specialists must be familiar with the principal resources, economic influence, industrial capacity and major industries of their world region.

6. Politics - Students should have a knowledge of the

major political systems , political culture and governmental organizations; be aware of current political doctrine and issues, and know the strength, appeal, and influence of Communism and other ideologies. Area specialists should have a detailed knowledge of their area and be aware of the current relationships, attitudes and perspectives toward both the United States and the Soviet Union prevalent in it.

7. Culture and Religion - The student should be cognizant of the influence of class structure, ethnic cultural and religious values, and ideology on domestic and foreign affairs. They should understand the origins of and current cultural and religious differences and conflicts and how these factors affect regional and national unity.

8. Current Issues - Students must be familiar with the major security issues in the world. These include, but are not limited to, political, economic and military conflicts, insurgencies, social problems and efforts at social reform, economic problems and other issues which affect both the status or well-being of nations. These issues should be related to the formulation and implementation of U.S. foreign and security policies.

9. Analytical and Research Skills - Scholarly skills emphasized throughout the programs include: effective oral and written expression, research techniques, interpretation and evaluation of complex data, problem solving, forecasting, decision processes, modes of negotiation and debate, the formulation of strategy and politico-military objectives.

Qualification for Admission:

These programs are open to officers and civilian Government employees who have a baccalaureate degree earned with above average academic performance. Applicants may fulfill requirements for specific curricula through undergraduate courses that meet program prerequisites, Graduate Record Examination results, or other evidence. Applicants must be approved by the Chairman, Department of National Security Affairs.

Degree Requirements:

1. At least 44 quarter units of approved graduate study pertinent to the field of National Security Affairs, of which at least 16 units must be at the 4000 level.

2. The completion of an approved sequence of courses concentrating in either an area (681, 682, 683) or functional (684, 686) specialty, including at least one 4000 level course in that specialty.

3. Successful completion of a comprehensive examination, or an acceptable thesis in lieu thereof.

4. Language requirement may be satisfied by one of the following options:

- a. Completion of a DLI basic language course, or
- b. Certification of an R2/S2 rating based on the

Defense Language Proficiency Test (DPLT), or

- c. Completion of a language examination jointly developed and conducted by NPS and DLI.

The Common Core:

The courses below form a common core for the National Security Affairs Curricula (all area and functional specialties).

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NS 3262 Theory & Practice of International Relations	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance & Arms Transfers	NS4000 Perspectives On American Civilization
NS 3169 Comparative Political Analysis & Research Methods	NS3078 The Politics of National & Global Economic Relations		or NS4273 American Foreign Policy & World Politics

NS 3061 AMERICAN NATIONAL SECURITY POLICY (4-0)

Course Description:

An institutional and functional analysis of the national and international factors which shape U.S. defense policy. The course is focused on two major areas: The decision-making process, including the legislative-executive budgetary process, and the influence of bureaucratic politics and interest group participation upon defense decisions; Problems of strategic choice, including threat analysis, net assessment, deterrence theory, and limited war.

Course Objectives:

1. To define the strategic context of American National Security Policy.
2. To examine the formal and informal decision-making processes in the U.S. defense effort, and their impact on national security.
3. To analyze U.S. and Soviet strategic doctrine.
4. To compare elements of national power, especially military power, of the major superpowers.

NS 3078 THE POLITICS OF NATIONAL AND GLOBAL  
ECONOMIC RELATIONS (4-0)

Course Description:

An integrated analysis in three segments of the economic and political factors that together determine national and international economic arrangements. [The first segment is comprised of] The general principles of public finance as a prerequisite for the analysis of budgets, and policy priorities in specific countries and areas. The second deals with the basic differences between socialist, capitalist and market economic systems. The remainder is concerned with the changing world economic order, to include such topics as trade, aid, multi-national corporations, technology and strategic resources.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the basic principles of public finance and budgeting, which will serve as one of the foundations for study of regional economics.
2. To present the basic principles of socialist, capitalist, and mixed economic systems.
3. To provide an appreciation of the following elements of the global politico-economic system:
  - a. World trade
  - b. The international monetary system
  - c. The multi-national corporation
  - d. Aid relations between rich and poor states
  - e. Strategies for lesser developed countries
4. To provide the student with substantive knowledge of the location and flow of strategic resources.

NS 3169 COMPARATIVE POLITICAL ANALYSIS AND RESEARCH METHODS (4-0)

Course Description:

An analytical and comparative study of the form and functioning of the major types of contemporary government with emphasis on the policy-making process and research methods.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the student to the literature and scope of comparative politics.
2. To provide a conceptual framework to understand comparative politics.
3. To acquaint the student with a number of selected theories used in analyses of political development.
4. To provide the strengths and weaknesses of various theoretical approaches to the study of political change and development.

NS 3262 THEORY AND PRACTICE OF INTERNATIONAL POLITICS (4-0)

Course Description:

A systematic theoretical analysis of international relations and a study of the factors, organizational strategies, and techniques of international politics.

Course Objectives:

1. Analyzing international relations from three perspectives; systemic, nation-state, and individual decision-maker.
2. Evolution of the international system.
3. Elements of national power and the complexity of their measurement.
4. Concepts of alliance, integration, conflict, arms competition and arms control as they apply to inter-state behavior.
5. Such psychological approaches as the operational code, frustration/aggression and relative deprivation.
6. The new forces operating in the international system, such as transnationalism, technology, resource cartels, nuclear proliferation and the changing economic order.

NS 4000 PERSPECTIVES ON AMERICAN CIVILIZATION (4-0)

Course Description:

This course, especially designed for the foreign area studies ('attache') program, is an interdisciplinary study of American culture, involving the political, economic, social, philosophical and literary development of the Nation since 1789.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide perspectives on American civilization and the development of the American consensus.
2. To present the development of the American political character created by American political and economic history.
3. To develop an awareness of the distinctive character of American civilization and foreign perspectives on it.
4. To understand pragmatism and the formation of the modern American mind, social structure, politics of reform, and modern intellectual currents.
5. To provide substantive knowledge of the development of the Nation during the past two centuries.

NS 4140 PROBLEMS OF SECURITY ASSISTANCE  
AND ARMS TRANSFERS (4-0)

Course Description:

An analysis of the patterns, purposes and effects of cross-national security assistance, including arms sales and the transfer of technology. Special topics include: factors dominating the arms transfer policies of the major powers; the role of the military in recipient nations; the role of the military attache'; the design, execution and evaluation of security assistance programs. Prerequisites: NS 3061 or NS 3262.

Course Objectives:

An appreciation and knowledge of:

1. The various roles of conventional arms transfers in the international system, with emphasis on events since World War II.
2. The factors involved in the arms transfer policies of the U.S., U. K., France, U.S.S.R., PRC, and other selected suppliers.
3. The role of arms transfers in the foreign policy of selected nation-states.
4. The effects of arms transfers on regional conflict economic development and the internal politics of selected countries.
5. The U.S. arms transfers decision-making process, to include appropriate regulations and guidelines.

NS 4273 AMERICAN FOREIGN POLICY AND WORLD POLITICS (4-0)

Course Description:

An advanced study of the underlying assumptions and objectives of American security and foreign policy. Policy formulation, world politics, alliance and treaty systems; effects on security problems of budgets, weapons systems, research and development, international economic issues; the functioning of regional security systems in crises; problems of threat and intelligence determination. Research in primary sources. This course is designed to develop a capacity for problem analysis and encourage opportunities for research specialization.

Prerequisites: NS 3400, NS 3610.

Course Objectives:

1. To relate the foreign and defense policies of the United States to defense strategies and weapons systems.
2. To develop linkage, models, and concepts that assist analysis of the effects of internal institutional development on foreign policy.
3. To analyze contemporary development in the global political system in terms of changes in the American political system.

NOTE: This course is required for all Navy students.

AREA SPECIALTY CURRICULA

- #681 - Middle East, Africa, South Asia
- #682 - Far East, Southeast Asia, Pacific
- #683 - Europe, USSR

Description:

These curricula are cooperative programs with the Defense Language Institute. They last from one to two years depending upon the curricula and option selected, the language studied, and educational background. Inputs to these programs are accepted each quarter of the academic year (July, September, January or March). Officers are assigned to NPS for the duration of the combined program. Quotas for language instruction are obtained from DLI by the Curricular Office, except for those students who have acquired language proficiency either at DLI or other institutions before admission to the program. For those sponsors whose students do not require language instruction, a purely academic option conducted solely at NPS is offered. Thus, program length may vary as follows:

1. Twelve months academic instruction at NPS and six months language instruction at DLI (most Western European languages).
2. Twelve months academic instruction at NPS and twelve months language instruction at DLI (most languages other than Western European).
3. Twelve months academic instruction at NPS (for those students who are qualified in the language of their particular area specialty).
4. Eighteen months academic instruction at NPS and submission of an acceptable thesis (for those students whose sponsors do not require language instruction).

## (681) MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, SOUTH ASIA

Options within this curricula vary from broad regional perspectives to courses that focus on a particular country or sub-region. Both Middle East and African options include exposure to the Islamic culture that pervades these areas. Typical programs are outlined below. Individual student programs are determined after consideration of the area specialty, target country, sponsor requirements and quarter of entry into the program. Course descriptions and objectives follow the sample program layouts.

(1) Broad Middle East, Africa, South Asia Perspective. No language requirement. Eighteen month academic program with thesis at NPS.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS3710 International Relations and Security Problems of the Mediterranean	NS3313 Problems of Government and Security in Sub Saharan Africa
NS3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 The Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS3312 Seminar on Middle East Oil	NS3032 Revolution and Political Terrorism in the Modern World
NS3300 Problems of Government and Security in the Middle East	NS3320 International Relations and Security in the Middle East	NS3316 Problems of Government and Security in the Northern Tier; Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan	NS3620 Problems of Government and Security in South Asia and the Indian Ocean
NS3330 Military Geography and History of Middle East	NS3331 20th Century Middle Eastern Military and Political History	NS3400 Domestic determinants of Soviet National Security Policy	NS3420 Soviet Naval and Maritime Strategy

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NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfer	NS4273 American Foreign Policy and World Politics
NS3830 African Political Organizations, Parties and Bureaucracies	NS3820 Great Powers in Africa
NS4330 Seminar in Middle Eastern Civilizations	NS4300 Seminar in Security Problems of the Middle East
NS0810 Thesis Research	NS0810 Thesis Research

(2) Prospective Air Attaché to South Africa. Twelve months academic instruction and comprehensive examination at NPS. Six months language instruction at DLI in Afrikani.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS3830 African Political Organizations Parties and Bureaucracies	NS4000 Perspectives on American Civilizations
NS3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 The Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfers	NS4279 Directed Study
NS3811 Military Geography and History of Africa	NS3820 Great Powers in Africa	NS4800 Culture and Civilizations of Africa	NS4810 Seminar in African Politics
NS3310 North Africa: Government and Security in the Maghreb	NS3313 Problems of Government and Security in Sub Saharan Africa	NS4330 Seminar in Middle Eastern Civilizations	NS0811 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination

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FLAK 01 - Afrikani	FLAK 02 - Afrikani
NS3350 Area Colloquium in Middle Eastern Studies I	NS3351 Area Colloquium in Middle Eastern Studies II

(3) Prospective Air Attaché to Saudi Arabia. Twelve months academic instruction and comprehensive examination at NPS. Twelve months language instruction at DLI in Saudi Arabian.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS3312 Seminar on Middle East Oil	NS3314 Problems of Government and Security in Israel
NS3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 The Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS3316 Problems of Government and Security in the Northern Tier: Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan	NS4000 Perspectives on American Civilization
NS3300 Problems of Government and Security in the Middle East	NS3320 International Relations and Security Problems of the Middle East	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfer	NS4300 Seminar in Security Problems of the Middle East
NS3330 Military Geography and History of the Middle East	NS3331 20th Century Middle Eastern Military and Political History	NS4330 Seminar in Middle Eastern Civilizations	NS0811 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination

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FLSA01 - Saudi Arabian	FLSA02 - Saudi Arabian	FLSA03 - Saudi Arabian	FLSA04 - Saudi Arabian
NS3350 Area Colloquium in Middle Eastern Studies I	NS3351 Area Colloquium in Middle Eastern Studies II		

(4) Target region - South Asia. Language requirement completed prior to enrollment. Twelve months academic instruction and comprehensive examination at NPS.

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NS3169 Comparative Political Analysis and Research Methods	NS3061 American National Security Policy	NS4140 Problems of Security Assistance and Arms Transfers	NS3410 Soviet National Security and Foreign Policy-making Processes
NS3262 Theory and Practice of International Relations	NS3078 Politics of National and Global Economic Relations	NS4330 Seminar in Middle Eastern Civilization	NS4630 International Security Problems of Asia and the Adjacent Oceans
NS3605 Geography History and Cultures of Asia	NS3606 Problems of Government and Security in Peninsular Southeast Asia	NS3608 Problems of Government and Security in Insular Southeast Asia	NS4710 Seminar in Sino-Soviet Relations
NS3316 Problems of Government and security in the Northern Tier: Turkey, Iran, Afghanistan, Pakistan	NS3620 Problems of Government and Security in South Asia and the Indian Ocean	NS3610 Problems of Government and Security in East Asia and the Pacific	NS0811 Preparation for Comprehensive Examination

NS 3300 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY  
IN THE MIDDLE EAST (4-0)

Course Description

An introduction to Middle Eastern society and politics, designed to provide a background of knowledge to be utilized in follow-on courses in Middle Eastern politics.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce Middle Eastern social, cultural, and political patterns.
2. To provide a detailed knowledge of the politics of selected Middle Eastern countries.
3. To give a sense of the interplay of political and social forces within the Middle East.

NS 3310 NORTH AFRICA: GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY  
IN THE MAGHREB (4-0)

Course Description:

This course is designed to extend the student's knowledge of selected North African and Red Sea littoral countries, and to provide some insight into the security problems presented by their domestic politics. Some coverage of central African countries will be included.

Course Objectives:

1. To develop awareness of area-wide social, cultural, and political trends.
2. To introduce underlying patterns of North African political behavior.
3. To provide detailed knowledge of the politics and key personalities of selected countries.

NS 3312 SEMINAR ON MIDDLE EAST OIL (4-0)

Course Description:

An examination of the oil resources of the Middle East and their impact upon the internal, regional, and international policies of region-states. The role of international oil companies, consuming states, and organizations of exporting countries is studied. Differences in oil resources and revenues are examined and related to different developmental and international policies. The past and future use of oil as a political weapon is discussed and evaluated. The use of revenues from oil is examined for its impact on levels of development and the regional military balance.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the economic problems and prospects of the Middle East.
2. To provide knowledge of the patterns of economic development in the Middle East.
3. To examine oil from the view point of both the Middle Eastern and oil importing countries.
4. To examine the changing importance of Middle East oil in the world supply of energy.

NS 3313 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY  
IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA (4-0)

Course Description:

An examination of the emergence of African states from their colonial heritage and their problems in developing viable modern nation-states. Patterns of international cooperation and conflict among African states, including discussions of African socialism, negritude, pan-Africanism, neutralism, and the problems clouding South Africa's future. The discussion also covers rival policies of the U.S., the Soviet Union, China and the former colonial powers.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide a background in the historical, political, economic, and social problems of contemporary Sub-Saharan African nations.
2. To suggest frameworks for analysis which can be applied to particular African nations.
3. To examine the security implications for the United States raised by the international and internal policies of major African nations.

NS 3314 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN ISRAEL (4-0)

Course Description:

Israeli cultural, social, and political patterns: Hebraic traditions, Zionism and the creation of Israel, institutional and sociological bases for Israeli politics, elite recruitment, perceptions and strategic orientations, security issues in Israeli domestic and foreign policy.

Prerequisites: NS 3300 or NS 3331, or their equivalent.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide a knowledge of the cultural, institutional, and sociological bases of Israeli politics.
2. To provide an overview of Israeli domestic and foreign policy, and Israeli views on security issues stemming from the Arab-Israeli conflict.

NS 3315 THE MIDDLE EAST: THE MILITARY DIMENSION (4-0)

Course Description:

An examination of the political, sociological, cultural and strategic roles of the military in Middle Eastern history and politics. Among the topics considered are: traditional military patterns, military recruitment, organization, doctrine, and learning experiences.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce the military sociology and history of the Middle East.
2. To provide up-to-date information of Middle Eastern military establishments.
3. To provide an overview of indigenous military thought in the Middle East.

NS 3316 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN THE NORTHERN TIER:  
TURKEY, IRAN, AFGHANISTAN, PAKISTAN (4-0)

Course Description:

An examination of internal and external political, economic, and social forces in the major non-Arab Middle Eastern states as reflected in their politics and international policies. Cooperation and conflict of these nations toward each other will be explored in the context of their recent efforts at regional cooperation and regional organization (the Sa'dabad Pact, ENTO, and Regional Cooperation for Development. Examination of their relations with the U. S. and the Soviet Union, and their relations both as individual states and as a sub-region with the Arab states of the Middle East. Prerequisites: NS 3300 and NS 3320.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide an introduction to non-Arab Muslim social, cultural, and political patterns.
2. To provide a detailed knowledge of the politics and security problems of these countries.

NS 3320 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY  
PROBLEMS IN THE MIDDLE EAST (4-0)

Course Description:

The course focuses on selected problems affecting American security interests in the Middle East: Strategic waterways, including the Suez Canal, the Turkish Straits, the Gulf of Aguaba, and the Indian Ocean; the politics of and problems of access to the area's oil resources; the development of U.S. and Soviet policies toward the area, all set in the context of regional international politics.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide readings on the strategic implications of the area, and the political and military context of U.S. policy options with respect to these implications.
2. To summarize and collate material presented in other courses on Middle Eastern and North African politics, and present it in terms of U.S. policy and possible contingencies.
3. To present contemporary political developments in the area, and to provide a conceptual framework for interpreting future events and trends.

NS 3330 MILITARY GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY  
OF THE MIDDLE EAST (4-0)

Course Description:

An intensive course in Middle Eastern history, highlighting geographic and military factors which have shaped the course of events in the area. The geographic (including oceanographic) environment in which military campaigns have been conducted, which continues to present military problems, is examined. Indigenous and foreign techniques and tactics for coping with this environment, and the historical development of Middle Eastern military organizations are studied.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide a general introduction and background to Arab/Islamic history.
2. To introduce the military geography of the Middle East.

NS 3331 20TH CENTURY MIDDLE EASTERN MILITARY  
AND POLITICAL HISTORY (4-0)

Course Description:

The study of Middle Eastern history from the 19th through the 20th Century. Emphasis is placed on the political and military factors which shaped strategic events. Special attention is given to the origin and growth of nationalist movements in the area and their impact on Middle Eastern politics.

Prerequisite: NS 3300

Course Objectives:

1. To provide an overview of 20th Century Middle Eastern History.
2. To complete the sequence of historical offerings in the Middle East.
3. To complement other offerings in Middle Eastern politics and culture by providing a historical background.

NS 3350 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES I (4-0)  
NS 3351 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN MIDDLE EASTERN STUDIES II (4-0)

Course Description:

Combined NPS/DLI colloquia covering designated topics. Open to students completing the language portion of their program. Cultures; current domestic and foreign policy; and security problems of selected countries in the areas of specialization. Graded Pass/Fail only.

Course Objectives:

1. To maintain awareness of current Middle Eastern developments.
2. To provide interdisciplinary approaches to Middle Eastern politics, society, and culture.
3. To enrich understanding of the area, and to prepare for field assignment.

NS 3620 PROBLEMS OF GOVERNMENT AND SECURITY IN  
SOUTH ASIA AND THE INDIAN OCEAN (4-0)

Course Description:

Problems of nationalism, modernization, and security in the governments and economics of India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and Sri Lanka. Indian-Pakistani relations; relations with China; the Tibetan and Kashmir problems; strategic interests of the major powers; Soviet interests and naval expansion in the Indian Ocean.

Course Objectives:

To understand this region in terms of:

1. Religious and social systems.
2. Systems of government.
3. Security problems and their significance to the national interest of the United States.

NS 3710 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY  
PROBLEMS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN (4-0)

Course Description:

This course provides an introduction to security problems in and around the Mediterranean. It focuses on the strategic problems of access to, and defense of the Mediterranean littoral; communication routes in the Mediterranean; Western and Soviet interests in the Mediterranean; politics and policies of surrounding states.

Course Objectives:

1. To introduce strategic and security problems presented by the geographic configuration of the Mediterranean littoral.
2. To introduce both historical and contemporary politics of the Mediterranean states.

NS 3811 MILITARY GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY OF AFRICA (4-0)

Course Description:

The course examines the major geographic regions of the continent (North Africa, West Africa, East Africa, Southern Africa and Central Africa) in terms of their communications, natural resources and environmental factors which have influenced their historical development. Major military campaigns, tactics and strategy of indigenous and foreign forces will be examined. Particular attention will be given to military forces and conflicts of post colonial Africa, the role of the military in the consolidation of national states, and the involvement of foreign forces in internal and regional conflicts.

Course Objectives:

1. To provide an introduction to the geography of Africa, and especially to distinguish between the dissimilar environments of the regions.
2. To introduce the political role of the military institutions in the creation of new African states.
3. To provide detailed information regarding major regional disputes and conflicts.
4. To examine the economic and strategic importance of the continent in major international conflicts and rivalries.

NS 3820 GREAT POWERS IN AFRICA (4-0)

Course Description:

A Comparative analysis of the great powers and their foreign policies in Africa. This course focuses on USSR and USA, but also deals with the limited Chinese involvement. The effects of great powers and trans-national forces on African states. The bargaining power of African states in relation to great powers. Analysis of national liberation movements and their potential competition in Southern Africa in the mid 1970's.

Course Objectives:

1. To explain the super power competition in the region.
2. To examine the effects on Sino-Soviet relations of this competition, and the bargaining power of some African countries.
3. To focus on the importation of strategic resources, as determinants in great power involvement on the African continent.

NS 3830 AFRICAN POLITICAL ORGANIZATIONS,  
PARTIES AND BUREAUCRACIES (4-0)

Course Description:

An overview of the sociological and organizational structures which shape African polities: This course will focus on a comparative analysis of African party systems, especially the dynamics of non-party states; an analysis of African bureaucratic traditions and the impact of strategies of modern ratio on these traditions; an overview of cooperative policy formation in selected African governments.

Course Objectives:

1. To explain the dynamics of party politics in Africa.
2. To introduce African bureaucratic traditions.
3. To provide a sense of the interplay between organizational, cultural and ideological factors as they relate to African policy-making.

NS 3850 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN AFRICAN STUDIES I (2-0)

NS 3851 AREA COLLOQUIUM IN AFRICAN STUDIES II (2-0)

Course Description:

Combined NPS/DLI colloquia. Open to students completing their language studies. Cultures; current domestic and foreign policy; and security problems of selected countries in the areas of specialization. Graded Pass/Fail only.

Course Objective:

1. To provide opportunities for discussion of current African problems and developments while studying at the DLI.

NS 4810 SEMINAR IN AFRICAN POLITICS (4-0)

Course Description:

The central theme of the course is U.S. interests in Africa, how these interests are threatened, and what policy alternatives have been proposed to secure them. Advanced African politics and the security problems they present to U.S. decision-makers.

Prerequisite: NS 3313, NS 3830 or NS 3820.

Course Objectives:

1. To pursue reading and research interests in keeping with expected career assignments.
2. To provide an opportunity to discuss and become familiar with the outlines of current policy debates on issues affecting U.S. national security as it relates to the Middle East.

NS 4800 CULTURE AND CIVILIZATIONS OF AFRICA (4-0)

Course Description:

Description and analysis of the major cultural traditions in Africa: the historical, intellectual and religious sources of African cultures; their impact on contemporary African ideological and political predispositions; the interaction of indigenous traditions with each other and with non-African cultural imports.

Course Objectives:

1. To present a cross-section of African cultural and social materials illustrative of various African cultures.
2. To introduce, via African literature (in translation where necessary) the intellectual mainsprings of African political and social thought.
3. To provide an overview of the cultural and social context of African politics.

NS 4300 SEMINAR IN SECURITY PROBLEMS OF THE MIDDLE EAST (4-0)

Course Description:

The central theme of the course is U.S. interests in the Middle East, how these interests are threatened, and what policy alternatives have been proposed to secure them. Advanced Middle Eastern politics and the security problems they present to U.S. decision-makers.

Prerequisite: NS 3300 or NS 3320

Course Objectives:

1. To pursue reading and research interests in keeping with expected career assignments.
2. To provide opportunities to discuss and become familiar with the outlines of current policy debates on issues affecting U.S. national security as it relates to the Middle East.

NS 4330 SEMINAR IN MIDDLE EASTERN CIVILIZATIONS (4-0)

Course Description:

Description and analysis of the four major cultural traditions of the Middle East: Arabic, Persian, Judaic, and Turkish. Students read translations of selected classical and contemporary writings from each of these traditions, and secondary materials concerning social and cultural institutions. Prerequisites: NS 3300 or NS 3330 or consent of the Instructor.

Course Objectives:

1. To expose the student to a cross section of cultural and social material in each of the four traditions.
2. To acquaint the student, via an introduction to the literature and language, with the complexities of Middle Eastern society.
3. To give the student an overview of each of the major traditions, and the understanding of their social, cultural, and historical relationships.